

Southwest Region/Washington County Quality Improvement Committee
Quarterly Report for April, May, and June 2008

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| Dashboard Items | <p>Minimizing Re-Entry</p> <p>Substance Abuse</p> | <p>April - Kin for Kids Curriculum is being reviewed and amended. Liaison, Suzanne Chavira will supervise this program and Kimi, an intern, will be assigned to support this program. In the process of planning a bbq for kin families to introduce them to the program.</p> <p>Transition to Adult Living Program (TAL) discussed pilot program headed by Tina Call and her team</p> <p>June - TAL Pilot Program is under way with caseworkers chosen and youth identified. One youth is very close to moving out into her own apartment.</p> <p>Kin for Kids bbq has been put on hold until the Fall</p> <p>April - Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Conference was discussed. It is going to be held in St. George this year.</p> <p>Robert is continuing to look at doing drug testing through the Sheriff's Office to save money for these.</p> | <p>Suzanne and Kimi will identify kinship families to be invited to the bbq and to the meetings.</p> <p>Youth are being identified and caseworkers are being assigned</p> <p>DCFS is looking at spreading out the youth cases so that a caseworker is not working exclusively with youth as this can be very stressful</p> <p>A new liaison is being chosen to support this program with the support of Suzanne Chavira</p> <p>Date, Time and Place to be determined</p> <p>Robert will continue to look into this option.</p> |

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| | Placement Stability | <p>June - Continued discussion regarding getting Sheriff's Office to allow for drug testing in order to save money.</p> <p>April - Shelter Task Force is still in place but homes are full. Ongoing struggle with finding homes to place Native American Children.</p> <p>June - Shelter homes are still full. Chris Nelson continues to work diligently to open a Family Support Center, however this will only allow for day time respite care - no overnight stay, so it will not be available as a shelter care option.</p> | <p>Robert will continue to look into this option.</p> <p>Shelter Task Force continues to look into different options for placing Native American Children as well as recruiting for more shelter homes</p> |
| | Employee Retention | <p>April - Discussions held regarding caseworkers doing "ride-alongs" with shelter home families as well as foster families doing ride-alongs with caseworkers in order to understand each role</p> <p>June - DCFS made a request for those interested in sitting on a panel interviewing new hires. It was decided that DCFS would let Chantel know when there is a need, and she will e-mail the team members to see who</p> | <p>Continue to identify families and caseworkers willing to do this and have the volunteer packets completed</p> |

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| | | would be interested. | |
| Vexing Issues: | Recruitment | Ongoing need for community members who are not affiliated with DCFS in any way so that we can have a broader scope of interests, ideas, networking and support | All team members will search for community members to present to the Team for approval to join the team. |
| Priority Focus Areas | Shelter Homes and Kinship Support | Securing more shelter homes and supporting the kinship families through a support/training group through the existing Foster Cluster Group under the direction of the Utah Foster Care Foundation | Five Focus Areas remain in place: Minimizing Re-Entry, Substance Abuse, Placement Stability , Employee Retention and Recruitment |